

October 24–30, 2010

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**FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
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News and Opportunities

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School classes meet today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Westminster House.

Giggles for God!—a weekly sing-along for parents and their babies, toddlers, or preschoolers—will meet today at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in Westminster House.

Fourth Church youth meet today at 10:30 a.m. with Elevation (grades 6–7) in the Manse Basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation) in the Page Smith Room, and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) in the Crow’s Nest.

Today a **“Great Expectations” baby shower** for parents who are expecting or have welcomed a child into their family in the past year will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Fourth Church youth are taking orders for holiday wreaths during Coffee Hour to raise funds for their work camp trips in summer 2011.

The Smorgasbord of Schools will be held Sunday morning, November 7. Families are invited to come learn about the various elementary schools in Chicago.

Mothers with children up to age 12 are invited to join a Fourth Church Moms’ Group. For details or to join a group, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

ANNUAL APPEAL

“Called to Be a Church Alive,” the 2011 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Next Sunday, October 31 is Commitment Sunday; all are encouraged to make their pledges by that day so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2011. Giving response cards are available in the pew racks, on “Church Alive” display stands, and in Coffee Hour and can be completed online at www.fourthchurch.org. We are grateful to those who have already returned giving response cards for the 2011 Annual Appeal.

ENRICHMENT

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

John Knox, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes kick off today:

“John Calvin’s Institutes of the Christian Religion—Continued”

led by Randall Zachman at 11:00 a.m.

(Anderson Hall S. Balcony) and

“Vampires and Theology” with Sarah

Johnson and John Vest at 12:30 p.m.

(Anderson Hall S. Balcony). Continuing

courses include *“Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit”* at 9:30 a.m.

(Page Smith Room) and *“Introduction to the Hebrew Bible”* at 11:00 a.m.

(Anderson Hall N. Balcony A).

Bread for the World's president, David Beckmann, will speak this Monday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as part of McCormick Days.

A Road to Mecca by Muhammad Asad will be discussed by the Community Book Group this Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room.

“Faithful Responses to Popular Atheism,” led by **John Buchanan**, meets on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall.

A Nia “Splash Out” exercise class will be held Saturday, October 30 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. For details or to register (required), call the Nia Class Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371.

Robert Putnam, author of *Bowling Alone*, will discuss his new book, *American Grace*, on Thursday, November 4 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

“Celebrating the Whole Household of God” is the theme of the 2010 Covenant Network Conference, which will be held November 4–6 in Houston.

The Eighth Annual Caring Luncheon Celebration for those providing and receiving care will be held Saturday, November 6, at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall. To RSVP for this free luncheon, call the Center for Life and Learning at 312.981.3387 by Thursday, October 28.

“Women Building Connections across Faith Lines” will be the topic of an interfaith conversation on Saturday, November 13 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Downtown Islamic Center (231 State Street), hosted by Fourth Church and the Muslim Women's Alliance.

News and Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available in the church literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org.

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A Fourth Church study tour of the Holy Land will be led by Adam Fronczek and John Vest next June 20–29, 2011. Details are available in Coffee Hour or by contacting Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398 (afronczek@fourthchurch.org).

NEWS AND RESOURCES

October is “Bike to Church” month, sponsored by the Fourth Church Cycling Club. The Cycling Club will also host a Saturday, October 30 group bike ride in Chesterton, Indiana. For details, email cyclists@fourthchurch.org.

The scaffolding outside the sanctuary will be there for the next month as repairs are made to the ninety-eight-year-old stonework. This work is being undertaken as part of P2C.

Fourth Presbyterian Church is a light in the city, reflecting the inclusive love of God. Comforted and challenged by the gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

FELLOWSHIP

Young adults are invited to join in a pumpkin-carving and fellowship gathering on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and over, will attend *Peter Pan* on Friday evening, November 5 at the Lookingglass Theatre. Early registration is required; a limited number of tickets is available. For details or to RSVP, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

An intergenerational congregational luncheon in celebration of All Saints' Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 7. Tickets are available during Coffee Hour and at the reception desk during the week.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship group for individual adults forty-seven and older, will gather Friday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall to watch Fourth Acts' production of *The Snow Goose*. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369

WORSHIP

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

A weekly jazz service is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and includes Communion.

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 7, a day when we remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of all Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in 2010 will be read during morning worship. At 6:30 p.m. the Morning Choir will sing *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré as part of a special communion service of remembrance.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The Chicago Ensemble will be in concert on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Tickets are available by calling 773.889.4206.

The Newberry Consort will be in concert at Fourth Church on Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel. Tickets are available by calling 312.255.3610 or visiting www.newberryconsort.org.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Volunteer Needs

Hosts and servers for Caring Celebration Luncheon, Saturday, November 6

Carnival volunteers to assist with securing items for the auctions

Substitute Tutors for the Tutoring Program (Monday–Thursday evenings)

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

A letter on gun control legislation will be available to sign during Coffee Hour.

Chicago Lights Holiday Cards, designed by Tutoring students, are available during Coffee Hour, at the reception desk, and online at www.chicagolights.org. All proceeds benefit the Tutoring program.

An advocacy trip to Springfield is being planned for Wednesday, November 17 to bring to the attention of legislators issues related to “Silence the Violence, Support Our Youth.” For details, contact Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

Fresh, organic produce grown at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available for purchase each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Farm Stand (444 W. Chicago Avenue).

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 24–30, 2010

Sunday, October 24

7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery		Westminster 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour		Anderson Hall
9:00 a.m.	Giggles for God		Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Anderson Hall North Balcony	
9:30 a.m.	“Authors Quoted from the Fourth Church Pulpit”	Page Smith Room	
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House	
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Dining Room	
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall	
10:30 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel	
10:30 a.m.	Elevation, Fourth Church Rising, Senior Highs	(see announcement)	
10:30 a.m.	Cherub Choir	Dining Room	
10:30 a.m.	Giggles for God	Westminster House	
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	John Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Academy for Faith and Life Classes	Anderson Hall Balconies	
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House	
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Choir	Dining Room	
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall	
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel	
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary	
12:30 p.m.	Inquirers’ Class	Page Smith Room	
12:30 p.m.	“Vampires and Theology”	Anderson Hall South Balcony	
12:30 p.m.	“Great Expectations” Baby Shower	Manse	
4:00 p.m.	Jazz Worship	Adam Fronczek preaching	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper	Anderson Hall	

Monday, October 25

8:30 a.m.	Day School (also Tuesday–Friday)	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (also Wednesday–Friday)	Stone Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Tutoring (also Tuesday–Thursday)	Dining Room
7:00 p.m.	“Just Eating: Leading the Exodus from Hunger”	Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 26

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Stone Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Sewing and Knitting Group	Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Community Book Group	Randolph Room

Wednesday, October 27

9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study	Large Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Young Adults: Pumpkin-Carving Party	Manse

Friday, October 29

7:30 a.m.	“Faithful Responses to Popular Atheism”	Anderson Hall
10:30 a.m.	CLL Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: John W. W. Sherer	Anderson Hall

Saturday, October 30

10:00 a.m.	Nia “Splash Out”	Anderson Hall
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Farm Stand Open / Volunteer Hours	Chicago Lights Urban Farm

Preaching on Sunday, October 31

Joyce Shin preaching	8:00
John Buchanan preaching	9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
John W. Vest preaching	4:00 p.m.

Parking is available on Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up during morning Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Discounted parking at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, is available at the rate of \$6.00 on Sunday mornings only for three hours. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex.